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THE FAKUMEN RAILWAY.

It was only to be expected that Mr. Valentine Chirif's Tokyo telegram, wherein he set forth the Japanese case in the Fakumen railway dispute, would receive a good deal of attention in England, and that those vitally interested in the matter would have something to say from their point of view. In the Times we find the following letter from Messrs Pauling and Co., Ltd., of 26, Victoria-st., Westminster. The letter runs:

Sir,—As the British firm referred to, we trust that you will extend to us the courtesy of your columns for the following letter in reply to your Special Correspondent's cable.

A careful perusal of the lengthy article from your "Special Correspondent" published in your issue of the 2nd of June, reveals the fact that the whole Japanese argument in support of her veto is based on the competitive character of the proposed Fakumen Railway.

The particular clause in the Protocol, which Japan relies upon to uphold her veto refers most specifically to competitive lines, and unless the injurious nature of the proposed line can be substantiated, the very foundations of the Japanese contention fall to the ground.

In your letter on your "Special Correspondent's" article you admit that the balance of evidence is against the Japanese. If the proposed line is not extended to Tientsin, it would have been more correct to say that the whole of the evidence is against Japan's contention.

Surely it is only reasonable that the question at issue should under such circumstances be referred to arbitration, not necessarily to The Hague, but to some independent arbiters.

The remainder of your "Special Correspondent's" message can carry little or no weight in extenuation of Japan's veto, with those who have knowledge of her policy in Manchuria.

As regards the extreme anxiety of Japanese Ministers and the Japanese Court to show their friendship to British interests, this can probably be attributed to a desire to facilitate negotiations leading up to the conversion of Japan's external loans, in which it is hoped British investors will take an important part. This policy is clearly nothing but a diplomatic move of more than ordinary profundity.

Not long ago the chairman of the P. and O. Steam Navigation Company, addressing his shareholders, said that British shipping trade to the coast of East and the Yangtze was being driven out of the market by the extraordinary bonuses paid by the Japanese Government to Japanese steamship lines. These bonuses are doubtless included in the allocation of money derived from British loans.

Japan's present attitude in Manchuria has clearly demonstrated her intention of preventing railway development in that province, and further we are in a position to state that Japan has notified China that she will not permit any development of Manchuria by means of railways connected with the Chinese Northern Railway system. In other words, in order to protect the South Manchurian Railway, territory many thousands of square miles in extent is to be debarré any railway construction.

The alternative proposals made by Japan could not possibly be accepted by China, in that, apart from the economic and commercial disadvantages, which are great, it would mean surrendering further large areas to Japanese political control. The slight knowledge of the present position in Manchuria makes it impossible to credit Japan with any bona fide intention of solving the dispute by means of these alternative proposals.

You have from time to time published from "your own Correspondent" in Peking, whose knowledge of Chinese affairs is of world-wide repute, information and editorial comments so diametrically opposed to the views now expressed that we venture to request you to refer to these articles and your readers thereof and further to re-examine the mass of evidence which has been furnished you.

We have grounds for stating that had it not been for the opposition of Japanese interests, we had more than a good chance of obtaining (as British contractors) the construction of the Antun-Hankow Railway before the German came in and obtained that extraordinary position which they now hold in the Yangtze Valley—a sphere of influence which has been held up to the British public for many years as being sacrosanct to them and as a set-off to the German sphere in Shantung.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard presided at the meeting of the Legislative Council which was held this afternoon. There were also present:—  
Hon. Mr. A. M. Thomson, Acting Colonial Secretary.  
Hon. Mr. H. H. B. Jones, Acting Director of Public Works.  
Hon. Mr. G. McL. Messer, Acting Colonial Treasurer.  
Hon. Mr. A. W. Brewster, Registrar-General.  
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Mr. C. O. Clements (Clerk of Council).

RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION.

Hon. Attorney General moved the second reading of a bill entitled "An Ordinance to regulate the construction and management of railways."  
Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the bill was read a second time.  
The bill was left in committee.

PROSECUTION'S HEALTH ORDINANCE.

Hon. Attorney General moved the second reading of a bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Statute of Health Ordinance, 1889."  
Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the bill was read a second time.  
The bill passed through the committee stage.

COMPANIES' ORDINANCE.

Hon. Attorney General moved the second reading of a bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Companies (Local Registers) Ordinance, 1907."  
Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the bill was read a second time.  
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INTERPRETATION AMENDMENT ORDINANCE.

Hon. Attorney General moved the second reading of a bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Interpretation Amendment Ordinance, 1907."  
Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the bill was read a second time.  
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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was then held under the presidency of the Hon. Colonial Secretary when the following vote was considered and passed:—  
A sum of \$100 in aid of the vote, charitable services, other charitable allowances.

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HAZARD CHARGED BY MR. F. A.

A hawker was charged before Mr. F. A. Hazard with cutting and wounding another. A number of men were breaking the law by hawking within the limits of the Western market. The alarm was given and when the Inspector of Markets was approaching, a dash was made along Jarvis Street, then round the corner of the Market Street. The defendant was charged with cutting and wounding another. The hearing was adjourned.

RICKSHAW STRIKE IN MACAO.

Traffic Again Paralyzed.  
(From Our Own Correspondent.)  
MACAO, July 7.  
Rickshaw traffic is again paralyzed and the matter is drifting from bad to worse, as owners have started, at the eleventh hour, to kick against the proposals of Mr. Sio Tang and seek to make terms with the Chinese driver.

WEATHER REPORT.

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A depression appears to be developing over the Upper Yangtze, and pressure is still relatively low over the N.W. part of the China Sea.  
The high pressure lies over the Pacific to the E. and S.E. of Japan.  
Moderate winds between S. and E. may be expected in the Formosa Channel and along the northern coast of the China Sea.  
Heavy rain fall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.6 inches.  
Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow:—  
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WEST RIVER NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)  
WUCHOW, July 5.  
FLOODS AND RAIN.  
The river is again risen a great deal during the past week. Fortunately when a bad flood seemed probable, there was a period of fine weather and the water, after remaining stationary for a couple of days, has begun to go down. Not much damage has been done locally. The dragon boat festival was not a great success owing to poor weather conditions. Usually we have a good race from a point several miles up the river down to Wuchow itself. A deal of interest is taken in the event by the population, and some ten boats generally enter for the contest after a period of more or less strict training. The course is a punishing one and there is a hard fight for leadership. This year, owing to the flood and rainstorms the race has not taken place.

INLET OFFICIAL.

The Chinese Officials here show signs of changing the "laissez faire" attitude which has been a characteristic of their class for two thousand years. The crossing of the Pearl River, even by the ordinary ferry-boat, is getting a matter of increasing difficulty. An order came several months ago from Peking for a body of river police to be established. Accordingly men were engaged, boats and uniforms were bought, and then apparently the matter ended. The police seem to do nothing and doubtless never imagine that it is part of their duty to make traffic conditions easier. Another instance is the continued practice by the butchers of "watering" the beef by squirting dirty water into the bloodvessels of the dead animal and so increasing its weight. As I mentioned a few months ago, an edict was issued by the officials forbidding this custom. I hear now that the same officials have been "squared" in the customary manner and the practice continues as much as ever.

NANNING, July 3.

For the third year in succession we have had a visit from the German gunboat Tientsin. She hopes also to go up river to Sunghoan. The Vigilante left last Monday after a considerable stay in Nanning, and just before she arrived we had the Sandpiper. Another French boat may be coming here, the Argus. There have been renewed rumours of a permanent French Consul being stationed in Nanning and that too very shortly.

PIRATES.

Pirates have been active lately in these regions. A Chinese steamer boat, which had some silver on board, was attacked, the Captain killed and other officers wounded.

STAMP ORDINANCE.

Hon. Attorney General moved the third reading of the bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Stamp Ordinance, 1901 as amended by The Stamp (Amendment) Ordinance, 1902."  
Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the bill was read a third time and passed.

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OUR LONDON LETTER.

(From our own Correspondent.)  
London, June 15.  
The comments of the Press on the report of the Royal Commission on Shipping Rings, a summary of which I called to you—are not favourable by any means. It is generally described as another proof of the discredit that is growing against the Commission system. There were nineteen of the commissioners in this case but only eleven signed the majority report. All they can say is that rings are not so very harmful and the merchants and shippers could remedy any grievance for themselves. But surely, if that were so, the remedy would have been applied without all this bother. Was there ever such a case of the mountain going in travail and producing a mouse at last. Of course the ring system with its rebates and so forth has been pushed furthest in South Africa, and one result has been that Americans are gaining benefits that should be given to Britons.

Dr. Stein, the explorer of Turkistan, has received additional leave of absence. He is busily engaged sorting and describing the official collections of curios and specimens he brought home for the museum.

The sudden irruption of American financiers in China has caused a good deal of comment in Europe but it is not very remarkable after all, for ever since Mr. Taft visited China the Yankees have kept a watchful eye round the Oriental possibilities. Now that the American investors are loosening their cash bags again after the panic the financiers see fine fields for enterprise in China—fields that promise to extend for some years to come. Further, they see a group of European financial interests picking up the plums, and that spectacle is not good for the digestion of the Americans.

In regard to the Morgan-Kuhn, Loeb participation in the Hankow-Szechuan loan—an advance tip of which I fancy I must have given you in my cable some weeks ago—there is the support of the American government, and other financial combinations are sending agents to China to sound the waters and discover where the financial possibilities lie.

The Washington correspondent of the Morning Post declares it is no idle expression of paternal interest that is coming from the President. Mr. Taft is determined to cap his plans by the selection of a thorough business man for the Peking Embassy. He was much disappointed at not securing Mr. Hays Hammond, the mining expert. These things, taken in conjunction with the American protest to China against no warning being given to America of the loan for railways in Hupoh and Hunan, may be taken as proof positive that there is a definite Taft policy for China. For long enough the American press—particularly the New York Herald—has been excellent cables from Hongkong and other Far Eastern points—has been trying to improve the relations between China and the United States. While the suggestion of alliance between Peking and Washington did not find favour with Washington, President Taft and his supporters are quite willing to let drop hints to China that "Coolidge's friend" is not short and to draw away from these means of the reliance that is now placed on British, German and French financiers.

THE LATE DR. LALACA.

The North China Daily News says that the murder of Dr. Lalaca removes one of the best known and most prominent members of the Shanghai community. Dr. Lalaca had only been a few weeks in London and those who knew him would be the last to believe that he had given cause for such deadly animosity, even to a fiery tempered Indian student. Dr. Lalaca was the son of a well known and highly respected Civil Servant of India, the late Mr. Cuseji Lalaca, Superintendent of the Postal Service. He was born in Ahmedabad, Gujarat Division, India, in 1863, and took preliminary medical degrees in Bombay. In 1884 he went to London where he qualified as M.B., B.S., L.R.C.P. Later on he won his M.D., Brussels, and in 1886 he arrived in Shanghai and established a practice.

During the twenty-three years of his residence in Shanghai Dr. Lalaca had always taken a prominent part in philanthropic movements. He was very popular socially, and was one of the keenest members of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps, in which he held the position of Surgeon-Major, and Principal Medical Officer of the Corps. He took unusual interest in military sports and rifle shooting and contributed freely in promoting these branches of service, both with trophies and personal effort. At the annual encampments he was always a familiar figure and he delighted no less in the rough field work of the Volunteer than in the scientific details of military work with which the ordinary Volunteer is not so familiar. He was a Mason of high degree and a member of the Grand Lodge of Northern China.

As one of the recognized leaders of the local Parsee community, however, Dr. Lalaca was known best, and when the Aga Khan visited Shanghai some two years ago came particularly in prominence and occupied a chief part in arranging receptions and entertainments for the distinguished visitor. All matters affecting the welfare of the Parsees possessed warm interest for Dr. Lalaca, and it was always felt that although he came most frequently into association with people of other foreign communities, his own people were never forgotten, and always retained first place in his affection.

In 1902 Dr. Lalaca took long leave and renewed old friendships at the Southern ports and India before continuing his journey to Europe. After a short holiday he returned and during the past seven years, since then, he worked diligently at his profession in Shanghai until February 11 last, when he went away for another holiday. After visiting his people in India he left Bombay on April 17 and went to London, intending to return to Shanghai in October next. He was a member of the Imperial Institute and would naturally have been there frequently.

Dr. Lalaca was unmarried, and his only relatives in Shanghai is his uncle, Mr. B. Z. Lalaca, Exchange and General Broker, but his brother, Mr. E. C. Lalaca, is now on a visit to China.

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SPORTING.

Water Polo.

CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB & BOY'S OWN CLUB.

At the V. R. C. enclosure on Wednesday evening the Corinthian Yacht Club water polo team met the Boy's Own Club in the first round of the water polo competition. The teams:

CORINTHIANS: Forbes; C. Humphrys and O. B. Chumney; R. O. Widdell; G. Widdell, Cooke and Wilson.

BOY'S OWN: White, A. R. Ellis and I. Chumney; Cordeiro; Mustell, A. S. Ellis and Leitao.

The game was fast and interesting and the Boy's Own Club stuck manfully to their guns although it was evident that the Corinthians were the stronger swimmers. R. O. Widdell, however, soon found the net and just before half-time the same player succeeded in scoring.

During the second half of the game play was just as keen and the Corinthians scored two more goals, the final being—Corinthians, 4 goals; Boy's Own Club, nil.

GOAL.

Mr. T. S. Forrest, of Hongkong, entered for the Open Golf Championship of the Chinese Club, played at Deal. In the preliminary qualifying round he was drawn to play against Jack White, the Sunningdale professional. He went round the course in 43, and just failed to be included in the thirty best scores in his section, enabling him to compete in the championship proper.

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## HONGKONG OPIUM FARM.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sealed Tenders will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, till Noon on Tuesday, the 31st day of August, 1909, for the purchase of the privilege known as the Opium Farm established under "The Prepared Opium Ordinance, 1891-1908," that is to say, the sole privilege of preparing Opium and of selling, within the Colony, (including the New Territories), Opium so prepared, in the form of the privilege of collecting doses and of preparing and dealing in Dross Opium, for three years from the 1st of March, 1910.

Full information as to conditions of tendering, etc., can be obtained from the Colonial Treasurer, and the conditions of tendering and form of grant have been published in Government Gazette as Notice No. 401 of the 2nd July, 1909.

A. M. THOMSON,  
Colonial Secretary.

2nd July, 1909.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undernamed have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, for account of the concerned, on

## SATURDAY,

the 10th July, 1909, at 11 a.m. at their Sales Room, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of the Victoria Street.

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